

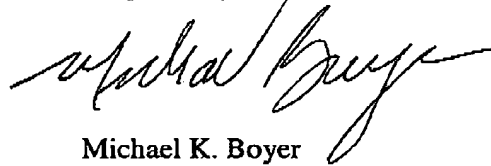
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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-identified patent application. In the Final Rejection, Claim 17 was allowed and Claim 13 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The above Amendment rewrites Claim 13 in independent form and bases the remaining dependent claims from allowed Claim 17. Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment does not raise any new issues and clearly places the instant application in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the pending Claims. Should there be any other fee due in connection with this Application, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 01-0493 (Air Products). Should the Examiner deem that any action on the part of Applicants would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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